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OHIO

WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the state was 38.5 degrees, 6.5 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, March 31. Precipitation averaged 1.44 inches, 0.68 inches above normal. The Northwest District received the most precipitation with 1.95 inches, while the Southeast District received the least with 1.20 inches. Growing degree days were 16 points below normal.

Reporters rated 0.6 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven day period ending Friday, March 29. This is 3.4 days behind last year and 3.4 days behind the 1997-01 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 2 percent short, 49 percent adequate, and 49 percent surplus.

Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 st week of April
2002	0.6	NA	0.6
2001	4.0	NA	4.0
1997-2001 Average	4.0	NA	4.0

Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	2	49	49
Last Week	NA	NA	NA	NA
Same Week Last Year	2	16	73	9
1997-2001 Average	2	14	68	15

FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 31

Reporters estimated that **Winter Wheat** is 5 percent jointed. Six percent of the **Oat** crop has been planted. This is 1 day behind last year and 6 days behind of the five year average. **Tobacco** growers have 10 percent of their tobacco beds seeded. One percent of tobacco beds have visible growth.

Activities throughout the state were very limited due to snow and heavy rainfall during the week throughout Ohio. Activities included applying lime, plowing chiseling, hauling manure and grain, wheat topdressing, equipment maintenance and preparation, sowing oats and alfalfa seedings, seeding green bell peppers, cabbage, broccoli, carrots, and tomatoes, cutting firewood, boiling maple syrup, and clearing fence rows.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Reporters rated 49 percent of the winter wheat crop in good to excellent condition. Pasture conditions are mostly fair to good condition. Reporters mentioned that most pastures are either covered in snow or muddy due to the recent weather.

Livestock producers rated 73 percent of their livestock in good to excellent condition. Lambing and calving are good very well.

PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 31

Crop	2002	2001	1997-01 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Corn planted	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Oats planted	6	7	12	NA	NA
Potatoes planted	0	0	1	NA	NA
Tobacco beds seeded	10	NA	NA	NA	NA
Tobacco beds having plants up	1	NA	NA	NA	NA
Winter wheat jointed	5	NA	NA	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 31

LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	3	24	62	11
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	5	11	48	33	3
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	7	10	40	37	6
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	39	41	8
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	1	5	30	55	9

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY MARCH 31

	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days ^{1/}	
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.
Northwest	32.7	-10.2	1.95	1.26	4	-19
North Central	35.1	-8.0	1.59	0.89	9	-15
Northeast	37.9	-4.8	1.24	0.48	13	-12
West Central	36.3	-8.3	1.55	0.79	11	-16
Central	38.8	-6.9	1.35	0.60	16	-16
Central Hills	37.3	-6.8	1.38	0.64	13	-15
Northeast Hills	39.6	-5.2	1.26	0.54	15	-16
Southwest	40.4	-6.3	1.50	0.60	16	-17
South Central	44.1	-3.6	1.38	0.53	26	-14
Southeast	41.9	-4.5	1.20	0.44	20	-16
STATE	38.5	-6.5	1.44	0.68	15	-16

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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